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TO [redacted] A

DATE: 31 October 1952

FROM [redacted]

SUBJECT: Material related to Project Artichoke.

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1. In the latter part of the summer of 1952, [redacted], delivered a more or less popular lecture in [redacted] on the operations of [redacted]. Following this lecture, he received a telephone call from [redacted], who

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said that in view of [redacted]'s interest in the USSR he wished to come to see him [redacted] it appears, is the head of a large veterinarian organization in [redacted]. During the subsequent interview, [redacted] explained his theory which is summarized in the enclosure to this memorandum. He brought with him a thick manuscript, which apparently contained a great deal more information on the subject but since it was the only copy available, [redacted] did not wish to ask him for it.

2. In the study of this problem, [redacted] consulted a large quantity of available monographic material, textbooks, etc., for information on the neurological side. His information on Cardinal Mindzenty was composed entirely of information collected from newspapers and periodicals published before, during, and after the trial. Included in this collection were all available photographs. Apparently, the larger manuscript dealt with cases other than Mindzenty's.

3. [redacted] was very impressed with [redacted] and his presentation but points out that he is not scientifically qualified to evaluate any of his conclusions. He did, however, check further with [redacted] who is [redacted]. According to [redacted] is very highly regarded both personally and professionally. Although [redacted] is now associated with a veterinary organization, he apparently formerly worked in the medical field.

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4. [redacted] was surprised to discover that [redacted] had never attempted to present his theories to any branch of the [redacted] Government. In fact, [redacted] stated that [redacted] was the first individual with whom he had discussed his theories. [redacted] wished to add the following comments to the enclosure:

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a. According to [redacted] the destruction of cortical tissue is complete and irrevocable.

b. It is possible but not certain that hypnosis can be used in re-educating.

[redacted]

c. One of the most dangerous aspects of this problem is that if [redacted] is correct, any individual returning to the West after such a brain washing would have to be watched at all times. It is possible that such an individual although outwardly professing to be opposed to the Communists would not actually be able to refrain from following the Communist Party line.

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d. During his discussion with [redacted] compared certain aspects of this problem to the mental condition of a punch-drunk boxer or an acute alcoholic.

e. One of [redacted]'s references was [redacted]

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f. [redacted] believes that [redacted] will probably get in touch with [redacted] for a discussion of this problem.

A [redacted]

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P.S. I saw [redacted] on 28 October 1952 & received the preliminary info. on the above. [redacted] collected A the attached papers & wrote this memo pursuant to my instructions.

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